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(54) Title: POROUS CATALYTIC SYSTEM FOR OLIGOMERISING LIGHT OLEFINS

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of a silicon-based porous catalytic system for oligomerising light olefins said porous silicon-based catalytic system having an average pore diameter of between about 1 nm and about 5 nm and an acidity level of between about 150 µmol/g and about 650 µmol/g, and prepared from at least one hydrolysable silicon-based compound, or other source of silicon, and at least one non-ionic surface active agent. The invention also relates to a process for oligomerising light olefins using said silicon-based porous catalytic system, and to certain silicon-based porous catalytic systems.

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1. claims: Claims 1-11, 19-35 and 43-47 (in as far as they relate to a substantial catalytic metal-free porous system)

A porous silicon-based catalytic system substantially free from catalytic metal; The use of said catalytic system for converting a light olefin feedstock into oligomer paraffins, and a process for converting a light olefin feedstock into oligomer paraffins using said catalytic system

2. claims: Claims 1-10, 12, 18, 19, 25-34, 36, 39 and 43-47 (in as far as they relate to a porous system containing catalytic metals chosen from groups 8,9 and 10)

The use of a porous silicon-based catalytic system containing one or more catalytic metals chosen from groups 8,9 and 10 for converting a light olefin feedstock into oligomer paraffins, and a process for converting a light olefin feedstock into oligomer paraffins using said catalytic system

3. claims: Claims 1-10, 12-15, 17-19, 25-34, 36-39, 41 and 43-47 (in as far as they relate to a porous system containing only platinum as catalytic metal)

The use of a porous silicon-based catalytic system containing platinum for converting a light olefin feedstock into oligomer paraffins, and a process for converting a light olefin feedstock into oligomer paraffins using said catalytic system

4. claims: Claims 1-10, 12-16, 18-19, 25-34, 36-40 and 43-47 (in as far as they relate to a porous system containing only rhodium as catalytic metal)

The use of a porous silicon-based catalytic system containing rhodium for converting a light olefin feedstock into oligomer paraffins, and a process for converting a light olefin feedstock into oligomer paraffins using said catalytic system

5. claims: Claims 1-10, 12-15, 18-19, 25-34, 36-39 and 42-47 (in as

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far as they relate to a porous system
containing platinum and
rhodium as catalytic metal)

The use of a porous silicon-based catalytic system
containing platinum AND rhodium for converting a light
olefin feedstock into oligomer paraffins, and a process
for converting a light olefin feedstock into oligomer
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6. claim: Claim 48

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